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MEMORANDUM

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FROM: Hasan Ikhrata, Director, Planning and Policy

DATE: May 4, 2006

SUBJECT: **2007 Regional Transportation Plan – Project List Update**

SCAG is in the process of updating the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), which is currently scheduled for adoption by the Regional Council in December 2007. This effort involves reviewing and adjusting the planning assumptions, including the growth forecast, financial plan, and transportation projects and programs, to reflect the latest available information and regional priorities.

SCAG is asking that the county transportation commissions and IVAG take the lead in coordinating their respective countywide submittals for consideration in the 2007 RTP. The focus of this exercise is to update information on all of the regionally significant projects that were included in the 2004 RTP as constrained or unconstrained projects, and to submit additional projects, if any, for consideration in the 2007 RTP. A spreadsheet file will be provided to facilitate this process.

This task consists of the following steps:

1. Review the spreadsheet containing constrained and unconstrained projects from the 2004 RTP.
2. Identify changes to project scope, cost, and schedule, including project completion or project deletion. If the project has been programmed in the Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP), identify the amount programmed and the RTIP project ID number.

3. Identify any additional projects that are not in the lists but which you would like to be considered for the 2007 RTP. You must provide a sufficiently detailed project description that includes project limits and location, cost, funding source(s), and schedule for completion. This information is necessary to allow us to properly assess the RTP's financial constraint and regional emissions analysis, which are both part of the federally required conformity determination.

The listing of projects is critical, as those projects that are not included as part of an adopted and conforming RTP will not receive environmental clearance by the federal agencies and will not receive state or federal transportation funds. Additionally, the RTP must include all regionally significant projects, regardless of funding source, in its emissions analysis.

Please also note that while the spreadsheet provided represents projects above and beyond the RTIP, the RTIP does represent the critical baseline component of the RTP. Where such information on total project cost or project scope and schedule may be lacking in the RTIP database, we will be seeking that information from you as well.

My staff will be contacting you shortly to schedule individual meetings to further discuss in detail this process and any questions you may have regarding the RTP and your county's submittal. The deadline for submittals to SCAG is close of business on June 30, 2006. Should you have any questions regarding this request, please feel free to contact Philip Law at 213-236-1841 or law@scag.ca.gov.